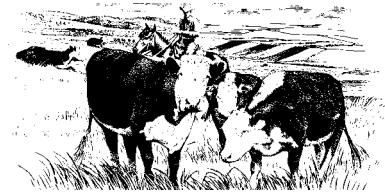


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2004 and 6 percent above February 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2004, but 10 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.81 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 458 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 628 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 419 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004, but down 10 percent from 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 74.0 thousand during January, 21 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 525 thousand head on February 1, 2005, 2 percent below last month, but 5 percent above February 2004. During January, placements of 59.0 thousand head were 7 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head were 5 percent above January of 2004. Other disappearance totaled 6.00 thousand head.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	293	331	113	32	27	26	30
California	510	535	105	55	59	60	63
Colorado	1,040	1,080	104	165	175	160	185
Idaho	300	295	98	41	37	64	66
Iowa	370	450	122	64	77	47	60
Kansas	2,430	2,410	99	455	475	440	450
Nebraska	2,280	2,300	101	380	425	360	360
New Mexico	115	126	110	17	18	13	13
Oklahoma	355	350	99	50	55	53	52
South Dakota	200	192	96	30	41	29	26
Texas	2,830	2,700	95	390	425	430	395
Washington 2/	200	190	95	29	30	33	29
Other States 3/	330	340	103	46	41	60	47
UNITED STATES 2/ 3/	11,253	11,299	100	1,754	1,885	1,775	1,776
State	Other Disappearance During January 4/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2005/2004		
	2004	2005	2004	2005			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	3		3	296	325	110	
California	5		6	500	525	105	
Colorado	5		10	1,040	1,060	102	
Idaho	2		1	275	265	96	
Iowa	2		2	385	465	121	
Kansas	25		15	2,420	2,420	100	
Nebraska	20		15	2,280	2,350	103	
New Mexico	2		2	117	129	110	
Oklahoma	2		3	350	350	100	
South Dakota	1		2	200	205	103	
Texas	20		10	2,770	2,720	98	
Washington 5/	1		1	195	190	97	
Other States 5/	6		4	310	330	106	
UNITED STATES	94		74	11,138	11,334	102	

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Revised data for the number of head "Placed" and "Marketed" during January 2004.

3/ Revised data for the "Number on Feed January 1, 2005."

4/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

5/ Revised data for the "Number On Feed February 1, 2004."

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California totaled 5.40 million head as of January 1, 2005, up 4 percent from the previous year. Beef cows with 720 thousand head remained the same, while milk cows increased 2 percent to 1.74 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.08 million head, up 5 percent from the previous year and comprised the following: heifers for beef cow replacement were up 4 percent, heifers for milk cow replacement were up 4 percent, and other heifers were up 12 percent from the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 670 thousand, 5 percent above last year; bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, up 8 percent from the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.12 million, were 7 percent above a year ago.

### ALL CATTLE AND CALVES TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1

State	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	860	910	106
California	5,200	5,400	104
Colorado	2,400	2,500	104
Idaho	2,000	2,070	104
Iowa	3,450	3,600	104
Kansas	6,650	6,650	100
Nebraska	6,250	6,350	102
New Mexico	1,510	1,500	99
Oklahoma	5,100	5,400	106
South Dakota	3,650	3,750	103
Texas	13,900	13,800	99
Washington	1,120	1,080	96
UNITED STATES	94,888	95,848	101

## U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 95.8 million head as of January 1, 2005, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004.

- Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004.
- Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004 are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds or more, 19.7 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, 16.5 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more, 2.22 million, up 1 percent.
- Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly.
- Combined total of calves weighing less than 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers weighing more than 500 pounds outside of feedlots, 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

## U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

### CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2004-05 1/

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,200	5,400	104	94,888	95,848	101	14,660	15,090	103
All Cows:	2,420	2,460	102	41,851	42,060	101	6,078	6,385	105
Beef	720	720	100	32,861	33,055	101	5,021	5,320	106
Milk	1,700	1,740	102	8,990	9,005	100	1,057	1,065	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,025	1,080	105	19,345	19,673	102	2,090	2,133	102
Beef Replacement	125	130	104	5,518	5,746	104	706	660	93
Milk Replacement	730	760	104	4,020	4,133	103	520	523	101
Other Heifers	170	190	112	9,806	9,793	100	864	950	110
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	640	670	105	16,277	16,511	101	1,228	1,185	96
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	65	70	108	2,206	2,219	101	271	272	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,050	1,120	107	15,210	15,385	101	4,994	5,115	102
Calf Crop 8/	2,050	2,070	101	37,903	37,625	99	5,788	5,571	96

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

4/ Heifers one year and over for Canada.

5/ Steers one year and over for Canada.

6/ Bulls one year and over for Canada.

7/ Calves one year and over for Canada.

8/ January-December calf crop.

**CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/**

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf \*0.833).

**FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2004	December 2005	Jan. 15, 2005	January 2004	December 2004	Jan. 15, 2005
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	88.00	114.00	116.00	80.10	84.30	84.20
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	89.00	119.00	121.00	84.80	92.40	90.90
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	36.80	52.30	53.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	46.10	47.50	46.10	48.70	50.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	82.00	90.80	91.60	85.40	91.80	94.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	109.00	120.00	125.00	110.00	122.00	123.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	36.00	42.50	---	43.80	44.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	89.00	90.50	---	104.00	102.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,350.00	---	1,600.00	1,390.00	---	1,620.00
Milk Whsle. 2/	Cwt.	11.80	14.72	14.40	13.20	16.40	15.90

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR 15 SELECTED STATES AND U.S., DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND JANUARY 1, 2005 1/**

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2002 2/	2005	2002 2/	2005	2002 2/	2005
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Arizona	27,905	23,000	3,197	1,000	4,272	4,000
California	4,538	3,000	37,343	30,000	61,241	50,000
Colorado	1,004	1,000	5,581	7,000	11,976	16,000
Georgia	318	1,000	3,162	2,000	66,018	77,000
Idaho	403	1,100	4,434	2,700	6,683	5,200
Michigan	1,374	1,000	8,935	7,500	10,785	8,500
Missouri	2,483	1,600	8,656	8,600	37,515	34,800
Nebraska	973	1,050	2,541	3,000	8,204	13,000
New England 3/	1,209	1,300	9,153	11,300	9,783	10,000
New Mexico	7,059	10,000	1,974	4,500	10,095	7,300
Ohio	2,202	1,500	14,420	9,500	28,439	34,000
Oklahoma	1,101	1,000	8,389	9,000	73,302	65,000
Oregon	2,156	2,300	9,250	6,900	19,222	21,700
Texas	229,937	210,000	22,569	30,000	941,783	1,010,000
Washington	846	1,000	8,106	7,500	14,265	14,000
Other States 4/	17,245	14,150	15,903	15,850	44,037	45,000
UNITED STATES	300,753	274,000	290,789	283,500	1,938,924	1,965,000

1/ Data are results of the first annual Goat Survey.

2/ Source: Census of Agriculture, 2002.

3/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

4/ Other States for Angora Goats include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MS, MT, NV, NJ, NY, NC, ND, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, WI and WY. Other States for Milk Goats include AK, DE, HI, LA, MD, MT, NJ, NV, ND, SD, UT, and WY. Other States for Meat and Other Goats include AK, DE, HI, MD, MT, NJ, NV, ND, SD, UT, and WY.

## CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 670 thousand head on January 1, 2005, 1 percent below last year's level of 680 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 325 thousand head, the same as January 1, 2004. Ewe numbers totaled 275 thousand head, the same as last year. The 2004 lamb crop was estimated at 260 thousand head, the same as the 2003 lamb crop. The 2004 lambing rate was 95 lambs per 100 ewes one year old or older on January 1, 2004, up 6 percent from 2003.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 345 thousand head, 3 percent below January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 97 percent of the total. Forty-five percent were less than 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65-84 pounds, 19 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 16 percent were more than 105 pounds.

## U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January 1, 2004. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.57 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep.

The 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

### JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs 1/		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	114	100	88	57	60	57	40
California	680	670	99	325	325	355	345
Colorado	360	365	101	170	170	190	195
Idaho	260	270	104	225	225	35	45
Iowa	250	245	98	180	175	70	70
Kansas	100	106	106	64	65	36	41
Minnesota	140	145	104	100	100	40	45
Montana	300	305	102	280	280	20	25
New Mexico	160	145	91	133	120	27	25
North Dakota	100	105	105	74	81	26	24
Ohio	140	142	101	119	122	21	20
Oregon	215	225	105	145	145	70	80
South Dakota	370	375	101	290	285	80	90
Texas	1,100	1070	97	840	840	260	230
Utah	265	270	102	235	245	30	25
Wyoming	430	450	105	340	350	90	100
Other States 1/	99	102	103	81	87	19	15
U.S. TOTAL	6,105	6,135	100	4,499	4,533	1,606	1,602

1/ Includes AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

## WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2004 was 3.40 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 480 thousand head, decreased 4 percent from the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.82 per pound for a total value of \$2.79 million compared to \$2.77 million in 2003.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million in 2003.

### WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	500	480	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,400	0.79	0.82	2,765	2,788
Colorado	360	390	7.2	6.6	2,580	2,570	0.74	0.85	1,909	2,185
Iowa	240	230	6.0	6.0	1,450	1,370	0.29	0.34	421	466
Montana	272	267	9.5	9.3	2,597	2,472	1.03	1.17	2,675	2,892
New Mexico	160	140	7.8	7.3	1,240	1,020	1.10	1.00	1,364	1,020
Oregon	178	173	6.8	6.3	1,210	1,090	0.58	0.65	702	709
South Dakota	330	345	8.0	7.6	2,625	2,610	0.76	0.72	1,995	1,879
Texas	800	810	7.0	6.9	5,600	5,600	0.90	1.02	5,040	5,712
Utah	240	245	9.3	9.2	2,230	2,250	0.80	0.83	1,784	1,868
Wyoming	390	390	9.4	9.3	3,650	3,640	1.10	1.17	4,015	4,259
UNITED STATES	5,074	5,073	7.5	7.4	38,299	37,622	0.73	0.80	28,126	29,931

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2005 totaled 125.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below last month, but 4 percent above January 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,317 pounds; calves 136 pounds; and hogs 243 pounds.

### U.S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.65 billion pounds in January, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in January 2004.

Beef production, at 1.92 billion pounds, was slightly below the last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 2 percent from January 2004. The average live weight was 1,262 pounds, up 13 pounds from January a year ago.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, 17 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67.7 thousand head, down 14 percent from January 2004. The average live weight was 329 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.48 million head, 4 percent below January 2004. The average live weight was 270 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 208.5 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

January 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

## COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2004-05 <sup>1/</sup>

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	111.1	120.0	141,630	158,092	1,275	1,317
U.S.	2,576.8	2,527.6	3,218,688	3,189,529	1,249	1,262
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	8.8	8.9	1,901	1,218	215	136
U.S.	79.0	67.7	26,541	22,285	336	329
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	219.2	208.5	30,833	28,758	141	138
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	227.0	207.7	54,619	50,392	241	243
U.S.	8,789.3	8,478.1	2,363,663	2,288,114	269	270
<b>RED MEAT</b>	January 2004	December 2004 <sup>2/</sup>	January 2005	Jan. 05 Jan. 04	Jan. 05 Dec. 04	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	120.8	130.1	125.1	104	96	
U.S.	3,714.0	3,930.9	3,646.9	98	93	

<sup>1/</sup> Farm slaughter excluded.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised U.S. total.

